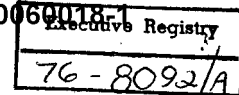


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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505



16 JUN 1976

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Honorable John Sparkman, Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 28 May 1976 requesting the cooperation of this Agency with respect to a study being made by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff relative to the Foreign Agents Registration Act and its administration. As your letter points out, the principal responsibility for administration and enforcement of the Act lies with the Departments of Justice and State. However, your letter suggests we might be of assistance relative to the direction and control by foreign elements of political and propaganda activities in the United States.

As you know, activities of foreign elements within the United States are outside the statutory responsibilities of this Agency. Any information we might develop on such activities as a result of our foreign operations is immediately forwarded to the FBI, which does have the necessary jurisdiction. Therefore, any information we might have would only be duplicative of the information your Committee will receive from the Department of Justice. While we of course want to cooperate with Congress in all areas for which we have some responsibility, based on the above, I cannot see how this Agency can help in the current Committee study.

Should you wish to have Mr. Norvill Jones follow up on this matter as suggested in your letter, it is recommended that he contact my Legislative Counsel, [redacted] telephone [redacted]

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

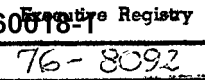
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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 28, 1976

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The Honorable George H. Bush
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Director:

The Committee on Foreign Relations has initiated a study by its staff of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and its administration. This letter is to request the cooperation of the Central Intelligence Agency in carrying out that study.

I realize that the principal responsibility for administration and enforcement of the statute lies with the Departments of Justice and State and those departments have been asked to cooperate with the Committee also. However, I am sure that your agency has information available that would be of value in connection with the study relative to the direction and control by foreign elements of political and propaganda activities in the United States. Norvill Jones of the Committee staff will have the primary responsibility for the project. He will be assisted by Mr. David Keaney. I will appreciate your designating a contact within the Agency for liaison with the Committee on the project.

Thank you in advance for the Agency's cooperation.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


 John Sparkman
 Chairman

cc: Senate Select Committee
 on Intelligence

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4 June 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of General Counsel

AT ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: Letter from Chairman John Sparkman, Senate Foreign
Relations Committee

Attached is a copy of the letter from Chairman John Sparkman requesting Agency cooperation in a study being made by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff. Since the subject matter of the study falls within the responsibilities of the FBI, I propose to answer Chairman Sparkman saying that while we would like to cooperate, we do not really have anything to give them. All information which we receive overseas with respect to the subject matter is immediately passed to the Bureau and, therefore, they should approach the Bureau for the information asked for in the letter. Please review the letter to see if you have any objections to this approach. Since I need to have a response prepared by 9 June for the DCI's signature, I would appreciate your response by 8 June.

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

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